

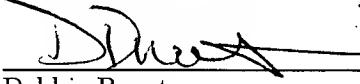
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant : Jacques Prodel, et al.  
Application No. : 09/997,264  
Filed : November 28, 2001  
Title : INSTALLATION FOR THE CIRCULATION OF PART-CARRYING PALLETS AND A PROCESS FOR THE ASSEMBLY THEREOF  
  
Grp./Div : 3726  
Examiner : John C. Hong  
  
Docket No. : 45976/DBP/N75

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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April 16, 2003

Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated **March 10, 2003** for one (1) month(s) from **April 10, 2003** to **May 10, 2003**.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	Fee
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$110	\$110
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$205	\$410	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$465	\$930	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$725	\$1450	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$985	\$1970	\$

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 110 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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